

## NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2018 MICHIGAN GOVERNOR'S RACE

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<b>Abortion:</b> Ban or legal? Support Michigan's 1931 pre-Roe law that criminalizes abortion?	<a href="#">Ban, except for incest, rape, &amp; life of the mother. Enforce state prohibitions.</a>	Legal. <a href="#">End 24-hour waiting period &amp; pre-Roe ban, protect in state law.</a>
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Require political ads to disclose largest funders? Support <i>Citizens United</i> decision, allowing unlimited political donations from corporations & unions?	Unknown on limiting campaign spending or donations. <a href="#">Supports candidates releasing tax returns. Backed Americans for Prosperity not disclosing donors for their political ads.</a>	<a href="#">As of 2004 supported disclosure of ad sponsors. Reverse "Citizens United on steroids legislation" that lets Super PACs raise and spend unlimited amounts of money in Michigan."</a>
<b>Climate Change:</b> Consider climate change a critical threat? Limit creation of greenhouse gases? Participate in <a href="#">U.S. Climate Alliance</a> , a coalition of states committed to climate change action?	No. <a href="#">Joined letter arguing that science wasn't settled, so Exxon wasn't lying about climate change. Opposed "burdensome" EPA regulations and Obama Clean Power Plan.</a>	Yes. Opposed Trump withdrawal from Paris Climate Accord. <a href="#">Called on Gov Snyder to join U.S. Climate Alliance. Create state Office of Climate Change.</a>
<b>Contraception:</b> Allow employers to withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if disagree with it morally? Stance on related family planning funding?	Yes. <a href="#">Led lawsuit opposing employer mandate to provide contraceptive coverage. Views as attack on religious liberty—and about abortion-inducing drugs, not birth control.</a>	No. <a href="#">"We've seen attack after attack" on reproductive healthcare. Require insurance companies to cover contraceptives. Restore low-income family planning funds.</a>
<b>Crime:</b> Prosecute all 17-year-olds as adults & house with adult criminals?	<a href="#">Yes.</a>	Unknown. <a href="#">Prioritize rehabilitation efforts for first-time offenders.</a>
<b>Courts:</b> Support President Trump's choice of <a href="#">Brett Kavanaugh for Supreme Court</a> ?	Yes. <a href="#">"A rule-of-law, experienced judge [who] respects the Constitution."</a>	No. <a href="#">Jeopardizes Roe v Wade, healthcare, women's rights, marriage equality, and labor rights.</a>
<b>Economy:</b> Support Trump's imposition of tariffs on Chinese steel and other products?	<a href="#">Yes. Believes Trump has his own "aggressive style" as he works to rebalance trade relationships. "In the end, I think it will be a good deal."</a>	No. Renegotiate trade deals but <a href="#">fears longlasting negative consequences from new tariffs &amp; chaos caused by Trump's "disorderly rollout."</a>
<b>Education:</b> Increase funding for K-12 education?	No statements found on overall funding. Focus on literacy. <a href="#">"Grade schools on an A-F scale, giving schools performance-based grants as incentives."</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Expand full-day universal pre-K. More resources for hard-to-educate children. Ensure School Aid Fund money goes to K-12 education, close tax loopholes that erode funding.</a>
<b>Education:</b> Support vouchers to send children to private schools with public money. Expand charter schools?	Yes. <a href="#">Use vouchers to send children to any participating school (public, private, religious). Expand charters.</a>	No. Opposes vouchers. Stronger oversight of charters. <a href="#">"Stop the dismantling of public education."</a>
<b>Education:</b> Increase state funding for higher education?	Unclear. <a href="#">Support more trade &amp; vocational offerings. Proposed tax cut would likely reduce general fund, so may risk higher education funding.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Apportion \$100 million to give qualifying students 2 years of debt-free post-secondary education, whether in vocational schools or colleges.</a>

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<b>Elections:</b> Support Michigan’s redistricting ballot initiative 2 to address charges of partisan <a href="#">gerrymandering</a> ?	Opposes initiative. Asked MI Supreme Court to reject for creating <a href="#">“a fourth branch of government.”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“Gerrymandering continues to disenfranchise voters in Michigan.”</a> Don’t let partisan legislators draw political boundaries.
<b>Gay Marriage:</b> Support gay marriage?	No. Defended voter-enacted marriage ban as <a href="#">“a simple recognition that biology matters.”</a> But will respect Supreme Court decision allowing it.	Yes. <a href="#">Introduced 2013 bill to repeal Michigan’s same-sex marriage ban</a> , two years before Supreme Court legalized gay marriage.
<b>Governing:</b> Governor can appoint <a href="#">emergency managers</a> for cities without consent?	Unclear. <a href="#">Defended law against federal lawsuit.</a>	No. <a href="#">Repeal Emergency Manager Law.</a>
<b>Gun Control:</b> Support more restrictive gun control legislation? Restrict semi-automatic weapons?	No. Repeal existing state restrictions. <a href="#">Challenged restrictions on semi-automatic weapons. NRA 100% rating.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Universal background checks on gun purchases and ban assault-style weapons. NRA 7% rating.</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Support or Repeal Affordable Care Act (ACA)? Accept Medicaid expansion to subsidize low-income participants? Require people to work to receive Medicaid?	Repeal ACA. Replace with private insurance. <a href="#">“ACA violated the very first principal of medicine: Do no harm.”</a> <a href="#">Has called to cut state’s Medicaid expansion, now says settled law.</a> Calls work requirements <a href="#">“the welfare reform of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”</a>	Supports ACA. Held “Save Healthcare” rallies and <a href="#">led state Senate negotiations for Medicaid expansion</a> . Opposes work requirements, which remove coverage <a href="#">“when we should be expanding.”</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Allow Planned Parenthood public funds for non-abortion health care?	No. <a href="#">Joined lawsuit to prohibit Planned Parenthood from receiving funding.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Restore funding so can provide screenings and checkups, contraception, and maternity care.</a>
<b>Immigration:</b> Support DREAM Act (DACA) recipients who arrived illegally as children, to achieve legal status under certain conditions?	Declined to comment during campaign, but <a href="#">joined 2016 lawsuit to block DACA expansion.</a>	Yes. Supports clean DREAM Act <a href="#">that protects Dreamers from deportation &amp; offers a path to citizenship.</a>
<b>Labor:</b> Right-to-work law, preventing unions mandating dues for workers they represent?	Yes. A <a href="#">“great victory.”</a> <a href="#">“I was the right-to-work Attorney General.”</a>	No. <a href="#">Repeal right-to-work law.</a>
<b>Marijuana:</b> Support or oppose <a href="#">MI legalization initiative, Proposal 1?</a>	<a href="#">Concerned legalization will increase youth access, but will respect voters’ will. Led campaign against medical marijuana in 2008 but now supports with proper controls.</a>	<a href="#">Supports legalization for adult recreational use &amp; expungement &amp; exoneration of cannabis-related criminal histories. Endorsed 2008 marijuana initiative.</a>
<b>Minimum Wage:</b> Raise the minimum wage?	Unknown. <a href="#">Would exclude workers on small farms. Opposes prevailing wage law</a> & expanded <a href="#">overtime protection.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Increase to \$15/hour over three years.</a>
<b>Net Neutrality:</b> Require internet providers to provide all users equal access?	Unknown.	Yes. <a href="#">Expand broadband. Implement net neutrality through Executive Order.</a>
<b>Renewable Energy:</b> Government support for renewable energy?	No. <a href="#">Opposed 2012 initiative to require 25% of electricity production from renewables by 2025.</a>	<a href="#">Yes. Strong support for renewables.</a>
<b>Taxes:</b> Support <a href="#">President Trump’s tax cuts</a> ? Cut Michigan taxes?	Yes. <a href="#">“I will cut taxes like @POTUS did nationally and make Michigan a growth state.”</a> <a href="#">Reduce MI taxes from 4.25% to 3.9%.</a>	No. <a href="#">Trump cuts help millionaires &amp; billionaires, not families just trying to get by.”</a> Repeal retirement tax. Increase state user fees to pay for infrastructure.
<b>Voting Rights:</b> Support stricter or broader voting and registration rules?	Stricter. <a href="#">Supported end to straight-ticket voting.</a>	Opposes <a href="#">strict voter ID laws</a> , supports <a href="#">straight-ticket</a> , <a href="#">automatic registration</a> , <a href="#">letting anyone vote absentee.</a>

Other gubernatorial candidates include [Keith Butkovich \(Natural Law\)](#), [Bill Gelineau \(L\)](#), [Jennifer Kurland \(G\)](#), and [Todd Schleger \(U.S. Taxpayers\)](#). Due to limited space, we can’t include their responses, but encourage you to check out their websites.

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